

THE WAR CLOUD.

Situation in Crete Critical and
Causing Great Anxiety
Among the Powers.

FIGHTING CONTINUES ON THE ISLAND

Foreign Navies Reinforced—Report in
Paris that the Greeks Have Land-
ed Troops—Barker St.
John Died To-Day.

Canea, Crete, Feb. 15.—(Copyrighted by Associated Press)—There is not much change in the situation. This morning the foreign consuls and the archives of the consulates still remain on board of foreign warships. The Christian governor of Crete, Gavrioth Pasha, is on board a Russian man-of-war. The Greek consul is on board of a Greek warship. Skirmishing between the Musselmen and Christians around the town continues incessantly with little advantage to either side. Skirmishes are also in progress at Haifa. It is believed a foreign fleet will occupy Canea, Retimo, Heraklion today or tomorrow. Messages of importance are being exchanged between the admirals and their home governments. All foreign fleets have been reinforced, and more warships are expected today. The Greek fleet is also reinforced, and the Greek troops are expected today. There is a general report that the foreign warships will not allow them to land. The Musselmen are now practically confined to Canea, Retimo and Heraklion. Some of the Greek vessels are off the island of Milo and its understood foreign admirals received instructions to prevent open conflict between the Greeks and Turks.

Greek Troops Said to Have Landed.
Greek, Feb. 15.—An Athens dispatch says that Greek troops consisting of a regiment of infantry and a battery of artillery which left Saturday for Crete landed there. The report is not confirmed.

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The western railroad lines centering in Chicago and St. Louis and all other trans-continental railroads in any way interest in California business, have agreed to sell tickets to and from California for the Christian Endeavor convention, which is to be held at San Francisco, July 7 and 8, at the following prices: From Chicago and return, \$5; from St. Louis and return, \$47.50. Delegates are expected to select their own routes and tickets will be good via the usual direct diverse routes. Or, in other words, you may go out one way and return another. If you desire to return from San Francisco by any of the northern lines there will be an extra charge to Portland, Ore., of \$6.50 by steamer and \$7.50 via Shasta route. Going out stopover will be allowed at Denver, Colorado Springs, Pueblo, Cheyenne and west thereof including points in the following states and territories, Colorado, Utah, Nevada, Wyoming, New Mexico, Arizona and California. Begin now to plan in earnest for the trip. The trip alone will be a liberal education to any one who has not already been across. At the last state executive meeting held in Chicago it was decided to adopt the Christian Endeavor News of Chicago, as the state Christian Endeavor paper.

The members of the C. P. Christian Endeavor society will organize a junior society Sunday afternoon at three o'clock. The First M. E. society held an interesting meeting last Monday evening. Miss Mendenhall, the state missionary superintendent, was present and delivered an address.

The Baptist society will conduct a prayer and praise service at the Anna B. Millikin home Sunday afternoon at three o'clock.

The Presbyterian society will hold its annual denominational meeting tomorrow evening at 6:30. The different boards of their church will be represented by the members of their society. A very interesting and instructive meeting is expected. A very cordial invitation is extended to the older members of their church and any others who will come.

The Baptist society has made \$20 for the missionary fund by tacking comforters.

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new administration if his resignation from the senate shall result in two unfriendly Ohio senators.

Mr. Sherman is acting in perfect accord with Mr. McKinley. More than anything else, he desires the success of the coming administration. He has said enough to show that if it shall appear at the last moment the new president can best be served by him remaining in the senate, he will be entirely satisfied with such an arrangement. This position Mr. Sherman has caused to be made known to Mr. McKinley. There is a perfect understanding between the president elect and the senator.

Matters in Ohio, regarding the senatorship, will be allowed to take their course probably until Mr. McKinley comes to Washington, two days before the inauguration. There will be a final consultation and not until then will it be absolutely certain what Mr. Sherman will do. The senator will withhold his resignation until after his name is sent to the senate for secretary of state. At least, that is his present intention, as he has communicated it to friends.

LETTER FROM RIVERA.

Cuban General Writes of Existing Conditions in Pinar del Rio Provinces.

Jacksonville, Fla., Feb. 15.—Colonel Frederico Pérez Carbo, formerly chief for General Maceo, received a letter last night from Pinar del Rio province from General Ruiz Rivera, who succeeded General Maceo.

The letter spoke in the highest terms of the enthusiasm of his troops for the Cuban cause, and he denied in the strongest terms that the province had been pacified.

"The Spanish do not come out of their entrenched camps," he wrote, "and when we want to find them we have to go where they are."

General Rivera stated that his army consisted of 5000 men at present, that all were armed and that their health was generally good. Several important engagements were reported to have taken place, in all of which the Cubans were victorious. General Rivera stated that while the death of Maceo was mourned, the Cuban soldiers were full of patriotic fire and that the struggle was being continued on the plans of that general. An expedition was reported to have been successfully landed not long ago, bringing needed supplies. General Rivera spoke in glowing terms of the good work that had been accomplished by the dynamite gun and he requested that another be sent to him.

Artemisa was said to have been laid in ruins by the effectual use of the gun and other places and camps had fatigued. Important information was also sent to be forwarded to the junta in New York.

A batch of letters was received at the junta headquarters in this city a few days ago, on which were attached the Cuban stamps and also the single star cancellation mark, emblematic of the new republic. Of course, the letters did not pass through established Cuban post offices, but came by courier to this country, but they made the hearts of the Cubans in this city feel good at the sight of a stamp of the Cuban government on mail matter.

A MAYOR INDICTED.

Sensational Sequel to the Escape of a Chicago Pickpocket.

Bloomington, Ill., Feb. 15.—The grand jury has indicted Captain Daniel Foster, mayor of the city, on the charge of allowing Ryan, a Chicago pickpocket, to escape from the city prison on October 15 last. There are two indictments against the mayor, one for allowing Ryan to go and one for malfeasance.

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EXPLOSION AT SPRINGFIELD.

Big Tallow Tank Blown Up and Three Men Buried in the Debris.

Springfield, Ill., Feb. 15.—At an early hour Sunday morning an iron tallow tank in the large packing house of B. Franz brothers, situated just outside the city limits, exploded with most disastrous effects and a detonation that shook many large buildings all over the city and for miles around.

The walls and two immense smokestacks were blown down and the machinery in the entire plant was badly damaged. The bottom of the exploded tank was found 400 feet from the ruins buried four feet in the ground. No lives were lost, but three men, who were buried in the debris, had narrow escapes. Engineer Krimmell and one of his helpers were buried for several hours, the engineer not regaining consciousness for some time after being rescued. The two men were dug out by farmers, one of whom was badly scalded in rescuing the imprisoned man. It is said the explosion was occasioned by a collection of gas in the large tank. The loss will approximate \$10,000.

PITTSBURG POST PLANT BURNED

Loss to the Paper is \$30,000, Well Insured—Commercial-Gazette Plant Has a Narrow Escape.

Pittsburgh, Feb. 15.—The office of the Post on Fifth avenue, was almost totally destroyed by fire Sunday morning, causing a loss to the paper of about \$30,000, well insured. The loss on the building, which belonged to the McCullagh estate, is \$35,000. The only other tenant in the building was Glessner, the railroad ticket broker, whose loss was small. The Commercial Gazette, next door to the Post, was in imminent danger, but good work by the firemen saved that plant. The Commercial press and engines are for the time being disabled by water, which flooded the basement. The edition this morning was printed at the Press office. Both the Post and Commercial were promptly rendered the use and services of machines, presses and the offices of the other newspapers in the city. The Post will be issued from the office of the Leader until a new plant can be established. It is supposed that electric wires are responsible for the fire.

DAKOTA BLIZZARD.

It is Raging in Sections of the Northwest.

St. Paul, Minn., Feb. 15.—Specials from South Dakota, western and northern Minnesota report a heavy snow storm raging with pretensions in sections to a regular western blizzard. A gale of wind drifted the snow badly and the travel is interfered with. Fifteen inches of snow has been reported at Little Falls, six inches at Bemidji and at Miller, S. D. There are fears for stock, as farmers are short of feed. One of the fiercest blizzards of the blizzard set in Sunday morning at 4 o'clock at Aberdeen, S. D., and in two hours' time traffic was abandoned on all lines.

MME. MODJESKA IMPROVING.

Such a Decrease in Unfavorable Symptoms that an Operation Will Not be Necessary.

Los Angeles, Cal., Feb. 15.—There is a marked improvement in Mme. Modjeska's condition. There is no question as to her complaint being appendicitis, but owing to the decrease of unfavorable symptoms, no operation was performed. The physicians held two consultations yesterday, and while they did not deny that an operation might yet be necessary, they agreed that the chances were becoming more remote.

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DUESTROW'S END.

The Attorneys Have Exhausted Every Means to Save His Neck.

HE MUST HANG TO-MORROW.

Gov. Stevens Refuses to Grant a Super-sedes and There Can be No Appeal to the U. S. Court.

Jefferson City, Mo., Feb. 15.—Governor Stevens has decided not to interfere in the case of the St. Louis, Mo., millionaire, Arthur Duestrow, sentenced to be hanged at Union, Mo., tomorrow for the murder of his wife and child.

How the Governor Made Up His Mind.

Jefferson City, Mo., Feb. 15.—The governor reached the decision after receiving the report of the commission consisting of three eminent physicians as to Duestrow's mental condition. Two considered him perfectly sane and merely shamming while the third thought him mentally incapable. Duestrow's attorneys intended to appeal to the United States supreme court but the governor's refusal to grant a reprieve will prevent.

DANIEL M'CARTHY MUST DIE.

Governor Tanner Refuses Executive Clemency for a Chicago Murderer.

Chicago, Feb. 15.—Governor Tanner has refused to commute the death sentence of Daniel McCarthy, the self-confessed wife murderer who is now in the county jail and is to be hanged Friday.

Attorney W. S. Elliott of this city, spent a greater portion of Saturday in presenting the case to the governor in Springfield. The plea made by the attorney was that McCarthy at the time of the murder was suffering from mental aberration produced by liquor, half a dozen and maddened by liquor, half a dozen of the gang conspired to steal the ballot box at the Oak street polling place. The raiders shot out the lights and wounded several persons, killing Col. H. C. Wallace who was watching the counting.

CHAPLAIN WALLACE DYING.

Bishop Preacher of the War Battles on Friday to Hear Lincoln's Gettysburg Address.

Chicago, Feb. 15.—The Rev. Peter Wallace lies at the point of death from embolism at his home, No. 4100 Lake avenue.

He was advanced in age and had reached the advanced age of 84 years, and it is not hoped that he can rally.

Mr. Wallace is one of the few surviving members of the old Springfield Lyceum bureau, made doubly famous by the associated memories of Lincoln and Douglas. He served through the civil war as chaplain of the famous "Preachers' regiment" of Illinois. He was the first chaplain of the soldiers' home at Quincy. Though blind from his malady, Mr. Wallace remembered on Friday that it was Lincoln's birthday, and he had Dr. Harmon of McKinley's old regiment, a friend from war times, read to him the martyred president's immortal words at Gettysburg.

As the enthusiasm engendered by the reading passed Mr. Wallace sank into unconsciousness, from which he has not rallied, and the end is feared by his family to be near.

WANT TO BE ROCKFORD'S MAYOR.

Charles J. Kinne Announces Himself as the Candidate of the A. P. A. in the City Election.

Rockford, Ill., Feb. 15.—Charles J. Kinne, county superintendent of schools, who failed of the Republican nomination for state auditor by a few votes, has announced his candidacy for mayor at the coming spring election. He is the local leader of the American Protective association, and boldly declares he is the candidate of the order. This means a sweeping change among the city employees in the event of his success.

McKINLEY Party's Apartments.

Washington, Feb. 15.—For the entertainment of the McKinley party in Washington previous to the inauguration elaborate preparation is being made.

The rooms set apart for Mr. and Mrs. McKinley have been emptied of furniture, and are in the hands of the painters and plumbers. Work is going on in them night and day. The intention is to make them the most richly decorated and furnished of any ever before occupied by a president-elect.

A beautiful color effect is to be supplemented by all that the art of the decorators can suggest. The bath room is to be a marvel, unequaled in Washington. It will have a marble floor and a tub of fine porcelain.

During the time the presidential party is at the hotel the portion occupied by it will be kept absolutely private. The three corridors leading to the apartments will be closed to all persons, but at the end of the corridors a man will be stationed.

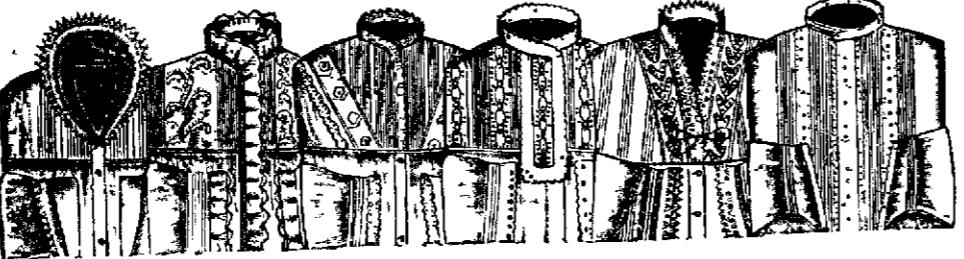
About 12 o'clock he will strip for the work of the day. This will consist of running, handball, wrestling, boxing and bag punching. While being rubbed down Corbett thinks his blood will be cooled sufficiently for his dinner, which will follow as soon as he is dressed. Then more boxing, followed by sleep. This routine he will begin as soon as he reaches Nevada.</

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MONDAY BEGINS

The Third Week of This All Eclipsing Sale of
..MUSLIN UNDERWEAR..

This Sale Continues this Week with still GREATER AND GRANDER INDUCEMENTS. Don't Miss it.



Ladies' Fine Muslin Drawers, deep hem and cluster of tucks, all sizes, 18 cents a pair

Ladies' Umbrella Drawers
Deep Cambric Ruffle, all sizes at 22 cents a pair.

Children's Extra Good
quality Muslin Drawers at 10 cents a pair.

Ladies' Fine Muslin Gown, Tucked yoke and Hamburg ruffle around neck and sleeves at 33 cents

Ladies' Fine Muslin Gown, yoke of Hamburg inserting and tucks, with Hamburg ruffle around neck and sleeves, 39 cents

Ladies' Fine Muslin Gown, Yoke of All-Over Embroidery 59c

Ladies' Fine Muslin Gown with six rows of Hamburg Inserting and Tucks and Hamburg ruffle around neck and sleeve 75 cents

Ladies' Fine Cambric Gown, Square neck, Embroidery Trimmed at 75 cents.

Ladies' Fine Cambric Gown, Tucked yoke and Hemstitchd ruffle at 89 cents

Ladies' Good Muslin Skirts' Tucked and Cambric Ruffle at 25 cents

Ladies' Good Muslin Skirts with Embroidery ruffle 35c.

Ladies' Good Muslin Skirts with 6 inch Hamburg Ruffle at 48 cents

Ladies' Good Muslin Skirts with deep hem and tucks, and knee ruffle at 50 cents

Infants Cambric Slips trimmed with Herringbone Braid, 20c.

Infants Cambric Slips with Embroidery yoke at 25c.

Children's Short Cambric Dress, embroidery yoke and ruffle, sizes 1, 2 and 3 years, at 25 cents.

Ladies' Good
Muslin Skirt with
deep India Linen
ruffle, hemstitched
and tucked, 69c.

Ladies' Umbrella
Skirt with Flounce
of India Linen and
hemstitched and
tucked at 85c.

Ladies' Good Muslin Skirts with deep hem and tucks, and knee ruffle at 50 cents



SOMETHING ON THE FLOOR

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"I was snoring away downstairs when I became half conscious that somebody was calling my name.

"George!"

"I listened, raising my head off the pillow.

"George" came the half whisper from the head of the front stairs. It was my wife.

"What?" I answered.

"Was that you?"

"Was what me?" I repeated.

"Were you walking around down stairs?"

"No" I said.

"Well, George, I believe there's somebody in the house—do you see a light?"

"Wasn't that a peach of a position? A well armed, able-bodied burglar in the house with all kinds of weapons, and she asking that I get up and across the room get a match and strike a light so that the burglar would have a better chance to shoot me!"

"But I did it. You see I'd bargained with her about what I'd do in case of burglars that I'd get up if I'd own I'd be plugged. I was glad he'd let me my hair, though, for if it had been standing up mighty near at end.

"There was nobody in the house of course, but if there had been well—

"Did I ever tell you of my experience in a North side lodging house asked the young man of the parts.

"There was a small chorus of negatives.

"I was working nights you know and seldom got to bed before three o'clock in the morning. I was rooming in a house on Dearborn avenue, and I used to slip in as easy as possible, so that I wouldn't wake anybody.

"One cold night I let myself into the house and slipped upstairs to my own room. As I opened my door closing it behind me, I heard breathing a al most instinctively felt that somebody was moving around on the floor.

"My hair began to rise and I stumbled for a match without finding it. The match box was on the mantel on the other side of the room and I had to cross to it, all the time conscious of something moving around on the floor. I got the match at last stuck it and held it up over my head to get a better view.

"Right under my feet a pair of glancing eyes was looking up into mine and the outline of a white bull terrier was in front of them, as he sat, looking intently into my face.

"He had followed the chambermaid into my room and she had gone to get him and shutting him in.

"I lost several years' growth in the 27 seconds of suspense"—Chicago Record.

For the Defendant

A Welch county court judge recently had before him a case in which a printer sued a pork butcher for the value of a large parcel of paper bags with the latter's advertisement printed thereon. The printer having no suitable illustration to embellish the bill thought he improved the occasion by putting an elaborate royal arms above the man's name and address, but ultimately the latter refused to pay. The judge, looking over a specimen observed that for his part, he thought the lion and unicorn were much more than an old fat pig. "Oh, well," answered the butcher, "perhaps our lion or likes to eat animals like that but my customers don't. I don't kill lions and unicorns. I only kill fat pigs." Verdict for defendant—Answers.

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At most reasonable prices. Ne
offered any better values. New
Clothing, too. You would be
money will buy a nice suit or o
we offer you during February—

One-Fourth Off on
Men's Suits

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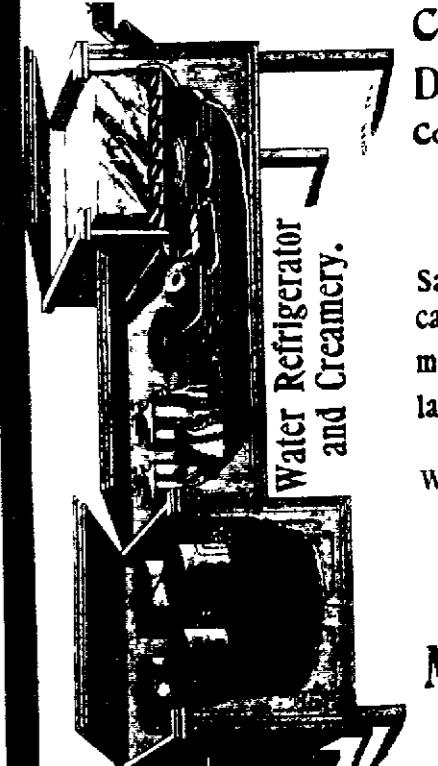
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CLOAKS

15	Ladies' Black All Wool Kersey Beavers, size 32 to 44, worth \$7.00, now	\$1.50
40	Ladies' Jackets, Latest Style, Box Front, Latest Sleeve, Kersey, Beaver, Boucle and Crepon cloths worth \$7.00, and \$8.00 now	2.95
25	Ladies' Jackets, best Kersey, Beaver, Boucle and Crepon Cloth, worth \$9.00 and \$10.00, now	3.95
35	Ladies' Jackets, Best Kersey, Beaver, Boucle and Crepon Cloth, Latest Style Sleeve, Box Front Full Lined, worth \$12 and \$14, now	5.00

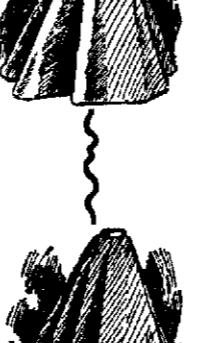
LADIES SUITS

One Lot Ladies' Spring Suits, Blazer or Reefer style, in Cheviots or Novelty effects, worth \$10.00,	\$5.00
One Lot Ladies' Suits in Navy Blue and Black Serge Blazer and Reefer style worth \$10 and \$12,	7.50

LADIES SKIRTS.

50 Skirts in Black Figured Brilliantine, best style at	\$1.75
25 All Wool Black Figured Novelty Skirts at	2.98
One Lot Skirts, all wool Shephard's Checks, latest style, at	4.95
25 Black Figured Grosgrain Silk Skirts, latest style, worth \$10.00, at	6.95

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MY LITTLE GIRL
Last night there flew to let me in
My little brown eyed daughter,
She searched my pockets every one
To see what I had brought her
She kissed me sweet on brow and cheek
And called me "dear old fellow!"
The saucy, merry little scamp
Was flying curly, so yellow

She perched upon my knee and told
With comical quaint and pretty
Of all the happenings at home
While I was in the city
She wound me round her finger small
Just as she has done ever—
My little girl! I'd hold her thus
Forever and forever

That was last night. To night there came
Into the room a mite
And sat upon the shadow seat
A puny young stranger girl
She cannot be my little lass
Who used to meet me daily
With laugh and kiss and merry speech
And feet that skipped so gay!

Why must she grow young-ladied,
And sit in longer dresses?
What did they "said and tie and pink
Her toasting yellow tresses?"
What should they change her spring-heeled
Boots?

For trotters so old maids?

O where, O where is my little girl,
And who is that young lady?

I sadly gazed in silence she

Spoke and I did not come

A little sob, and then she came

A burst of childish crying

She crept to me and hid her face

My eyes grew strongly hazy

Her father's arms had caught her close—

My little one—my Gracie

I do not want to be grown up!

I do not want my dresses short

And see your tresses curling?

I do not want to be a grand and will-

Let fashion wear out my picture

At least another year I'll keep

My household's childhood treasure

My little girl! My little Gracie!

Come, now! a romp together,

To clear the shadows from your face

And bring the sunshine weather

Dear heart! the years too fast will go

In spite of our endeavours

My little will always be my child,

My little forever!

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it must be fire, and as my hand descended the match struck a clothes line which my wife had left strung across the kitchen. Before I could try again I heard the rustle of somebody's clothes over in the corner, next to the sink.

"I whipped around toward it, with my nerves at such a tension that I wonder I didn't scream. I scratched the match again, desperately, and as it flared up I held it over my head with my eyes bulging out in the direction of the sound. "And what do you suppose it was? My wife had left an old wrapper across the line, and when my hand touched the cord, it vibrated until the wrapper slipped off into a heap on the floor.

"Well, I got my nerves quieted after I had gone through every room in the house and peered into every closet and under every bed. But all the evening the house was so quiet and deserted that I couldn't sit still or settle myself to either reading or work. So, ever since, I've kept away from the house till after ten o'clock, and every time I go in to go to bed I've got to go through the same kind of jitters.

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"Were you walking around downstairs?"

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"Well, George, I—believe there's somebody in the house—do strike a light!"

"Wasn't that a peach of a position? A well-armed, able-bodied burglar in the house, with all kinds of drop on me, and she asking that I get up, walk across the room, get a match and strike a light, so that the burglar would have a better chance to shoot me!"

"But I did it. You see, I'd bragged so much to her about what I'd do in case of burglars that I'd got up if I'd known I'd be plugged. I was glad she couldn't see my hair, though, for it must have been standing up mighty near on end.

"There was nobody in the house, of course, but if there had been, well—"

"Did I ever tell you of my experience in a North side lodging house?" asked the young man of the party.

There I would have been open and felt in the darkness. There was a broken across the floor, and that match would have been for a smooth place to fall. I reached down and got it. With a snap, it flew into a corner.

There was a small chorus of negatives.

"I was working nights, you know, and seldom got to bed before three o'clock in the morning. I was rooming in a big house on Dearborn avenue, and I used to sleep as easy as possible, so that I wouldn't wake anybody.

"One cold night I let myself into the house and slipped upstairs to my own room. As I opened my door, closing it behind me, I heard breathing, and almost instinctively felt that somebody was moving around on the floor.

"My hair began to rise, and I stumbled for a match without finding it. The match box was on the mantel on the other side of the room, and I had to cross to it, all the time conscious of this something moving around on the floor. I got the match at last, struck it and held it up over my head to get a better view.

"Right under my feet a pair of glaring eyes was looking up into mine, and the outline of a white bull terrier was under them, as he sat, looking intently into my face.

"He had followed the chambermaid into my room and she had gone out, forgetting him and shutting him in.

"I lost several years' growth in those 30 seconds of suspense."—Chicago Record.

AS THAT?

In a box in the kitchen I would have to go, back parlor, down-stairs and then into

the dark and occupy a chair. By the time the matchbox I was about to hold a match in my

revelry about the walls, drew a match down well in front of me

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LOCAL NEWS.

City council meeting tonight. Comedy entertainment and dance Wednesday evening next at Turner hall.

James Rosk, an old soldier of Champaign, died the other day, aged 70.

The Grand Opera House cigars made by Johnny Wiegand are the best in town, mch 25-dsf.

Tender roast beef with brown gravy served at noon daily at Singleton's restaurant—Oct 21st

Good music and good time, at the Baptist Sunday school concert Tuesday evening. Don't fail to go; 10c and 15c.—15-33t

The Woman's Home Missionary society of Grace M. E. Church, will meet at their new quarters in K. P. Hall in Powers building on Wednesday evening, Feb. 17. A fine program will be rendered as follows:

"Murder Will Out." Decatur Division, No. 36, U. R. K. of P. will give an entertainment and dance at their new quarters in K. P. Hall in Powers building on Wednesday evening, Feb. 17.—15-33t

W. C. Pinck makes a specialty in fine wall paper. See him at No. 101 East North street before you buy.—15-33t

The Fullenwider trust cures rupture For sale by the Cerrodonie Co., 21 Syndicate block. Jan 16-dlm

The members of Myrtle Temple, Bathhouse Sisters, are planning to give an entertainment at the Knights of Pythias hall in Powers block.

Only Two Hours and Fifty Minutes to Peoria. Take the Vandalia Line. Train leaves at 11:42 a.m.

On the evening of Tuesday, Feb. 23, the members of the Musical Culture club will be entertained at the home of Mrs. K. Harwood.

Take the Vandalia fast train to Peoria, two hours and fifty minutes. Leaves at 11:42 a.m.

If you want a solid evening's enjoyment go to the Baptist concert Tuesday evening, Feb. 16; 10c 15c.—15-33t

If you want to spend a pleasant evening and get your money's worth to attend the Turners' masque ball Wednesday, Feb. 17.—9-33t

The Great Round World.

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Henry L. Aspen was buried at Champaign today. He was one of the prominent politicians of Champaign county and in 1873 became famous as a leader in the farmers' movement. He served as a colonel in the late war.

On March 4 the members of the Young People's Union will have a district union meeting at the Baptist church. The Baptist Christian Endeavor society will be the hosts.

Bob Athey and Harry Gigham, both of whom were witnesses in the Joe Myers murder trial are wanted at Galesburg for burglary and larceny. They are in jail at Springfield.

The Chevalier Bayard Lodge, Knights of Pythias will entertain friends on Friday evening, Feb. 19, at their newly furnished castle hall. Remember the time, Friday night.

The state meeting of representatives from county boards of supervisors and highway commissioners' boards, will be held at Ottawa this week. Macon county will be represented at the meeting by Supervisors May and Orr.

Make your arrangements to attend the grand masquerade ball at the Turner hall, Wednesday, Feb. 17, only persons receiving invitations will be admitted. Tickets may be obtained from members of the Turnerville.—9-33t

No better soft coal in this market than Lincoln or Riverton. Lincoln is the hardest of any coal within 100 miles of Decatur and the harder the coal the longer it will burn. Hard coal all sizes, always in stock at market price. Up town office, Irwin's drug store, office and yard 800 North Broadway, old phone 433, new phone 436. M. F. Metz.—21-33t

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A colored man named Mitchell, who was taken to the poor farm a short time ago, is in a critical condition. He has a severe case of gangrene from which he cannot recover.

Garden Seeds.

Just received a large stock of all kinds of D. M. Ferry & Co.'s fresh bulk garden seeds, at the Spenser & Lehman Co., 550, Jan 29-33t

ROBBERY AT HUTCHIN'S STORE

Somebody with a Key Got in and Took a Lot of Fine Shoes.

Walter Hutchin made an unpleasant discovery this morning when he reached his shoe store in the Temple block on North Water street. He found that robbers had been in the store during the night and that a dozen or so pairs of fine shoes had been carried away. The back door was closed as usual but the bolt on the inside had been shot back and the bars removed from the inside. Mr. Hutchin is sure that the door had been securely fastened from the inside on Sunday. The door was not damaged a particle, and none of the windows were broken. It was plain to Mr. Hutchin that the robber had effected an entrance by using a key at the front door, closing and locking the door after him and then making his exit at the rear door. The robbery was reported to Marshal Mason this morning and Officer Williamson visited the store to make an inspection and get a description of the stolen goods. The only keys to the store are those held by Mr. Hutchin, one of his salesmen and the janitor of the building. The police will endeavor to unravel the mystery.

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At the conclusion of the above a farce

in one act entitled "Murder Will Out" will be presented with the following

cast of characters: Grandma Stiles, an old Yankee woman; Lena Stiles, her granddaughter; May Taylor and Minnie Sprague, Senor Fonds; Dinah, the colored cook; Bridget O'Flaherty, looking

for a situation. The above is a side splitting farce and is well worth the admission fee of 10c. After the entertainment dancing will begin. Tickets for which

will be 50c and can be obtained from any

member of the division or can be had at the door. Decatur Division, No. 36, is well known for its first class entertainments and they assure the public that the coming entertainment will be up to the standard. If you want to enjoy an evening out with your family, bring them and you will never regret it; for those who do not dance there will be different games to pass the evening. Refreshments will be served.

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MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 1897.

WEATHER PROBABILITIES.

Chicago, Feb. 15.—Fair and cooler to-
night; Tuesday, fair; northerly winds be-
coming variable.The Lexow investigation of trusts has
reached a stage where it is not exactly
funny for some people.If Spain would change her policy and
buy more bread and less bullets she would
not be nearly so troublesome to Cleveland
and Olney.The three friends of Spain, Cleveland,
Olney and Harmon have only 16 more
days in which to defy the sentiment of the
American people as to Cuba.General Weyler has 10,000 men and his
present dilemma indicates that he will re-
enact the feat of King John who with the
same number of men "marched up the
hill until marched down again."General Gomez has been acting unsol-
dier-like again. It seems that about the
time Weyler thought he had him well sur-
rounded he slipped his army away and
when next heard from was outside of
Weyler's anconada.A Pennsylvania girl was recently shot
by her lover who pointed a gun at her
that was not loaded. Had the young
woman lived she would probably have
married the ass; so a gun that is not loaded
may prove a blessing in disguise.The sudden illness of Senator W. E.
Mason is a reminder that he had better
take a rest. The senator has been subject
to great mental strain and physical exer-
tion for many months beginning with the
campaign in June, and unless he takes a
much needed rest some more serious phys-
ical derangement may result.A three-year-old who remembers
the clean-shaven face of Bryan in
the pictures during the campaign,
recently referring to one who had
shaved off his mustache remarked:
"Is he trying to make a Popocrat of him-
self?" The child's idea of a Popocrat
was entirely different from the conception
of the artists who created long whiskers
for the Pops.The government cruiser Dolphin under
the orders of Cleveland Spain & Co. fired on
"The Free Friends" and prevented the
vessel from leaving port. It is to be hoped
the incoming administration will send the
Dolphin and several other government
vessels to Havana to demand that the
rights of American citizens shall be re-
spected. It will be more honorable than
hunting down American merchant men.The Clinton Register in an attempt to
shame the Republicans, says that the mills
are starting up and essay to prove it by
referring to the Corbett-Fitzsimmons mill
soon to take place in Nevada. The 50-
cent dollar organ is more liberal than the
average organ of its species, as the mill it
refers to will take place thirteen days
after McKinley has been inaugurated;
whereas, most of these papers have de-
manded the bum of the wheel, as the re-
sult of the election, before McKinley is in-
augurated, and before Bryan gets his
book on sale.It will hardly do to apply the free trad-
ers' maxim, "the tariff breeds trusts" to
the sugar and coffee trusts. The converg-
ing lines of the sugar trust made its
greatest concentration when sugar was
free and completed the formation under a
low duty. So far as the coffee trust is
concerned it has been created while coffee
was entirely free of any duty. Trusts are
formed by men to make money and is as
easily done in regard to an article that
is free or which carries a low tariff as one
which bears a high tariff, hence the assump-
tion that a tariff breeds trusts is all moon-
shine. More trusts have been organized
since the Wilson bill became a law than
were organized under the McKinley tariff.

Promises Should be Kept.

American Economist: A lot of people
have bobbed up in evidence during the
recent tariff hearings who seem to think
that Republicans have such short memo-
ries that they have forgotten their pledges
of last June. They argue that those
Democrats who bolted their regular party
nomination, and took refuge under the
McKinley umbrella, have rights in the
framing of a tariff measure which Repub-
licans should respect and that the least
Republicans can do is to frame a "moder-
ate" bill. Of course this means that
there is to be as little protection as is con-
sistent with the necessity of raising revenue
by the new measure.These people are the old free trade mes-
sengers in a new costume. From their
gleeful threats to murder our protected
industries and "plant flowers on their
graves" their recent experience is being
shown run away with by the unmanage-
able wild horses which they themselveshad hitched to the free trade cart has
made them so insignificant in their own
strength that they are resorting to suppling
instead of threats, and are suggesting
that Republicans adopt the fraudu-
lent free trade practice of putting a prom-
ise in their platform and a breach of the
promise in their laws.It is nothing to them that the Repub-
licans, nearly 1000 strong, representing
the Republicans in all quarters of the Unit-
ed States, assembled at St. Louis and
made a contract with the voters of the
country in which they solemnly agreed to
secure "most ample" protection to every
form of American industry, and bound
themselves in the most emphatic language
to enact laws which would serve this
end. What kind of a confidence do these
free trade supplicants think the average
Republican carries that he can take it out
and regulate it to the direction of every
wind of expediency that blows? How
long is it since "most ample protection"
and "moderate protection" came to be
interchangeable expressions? By what
sort of verbal juggling can a tariff which
falls short of full protection be called a
protective tariff? And who dares to say
that the Republican party did not promise
full protection?The long and the short of it is that the
free traders having wrecked their own
party by getting goods under false pre-
tenses, want to destroy the power of the
Republican party to combat free trade by
wheeling into a violation of its pledges
and attaching to it the same malodorous
reputation for bad faith which a long ca-
reer of misdeeds has permanently fastened
upon the party of free trade. But Repub-
licanism and Idiocy have not yet come to
be synonymous terms.

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and positively cure Piles, or no pay re-
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satisfaction, or money refunded. Price
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West, the druggist.The residences of the Second ward in
Hooper are contemplating the erection
of a new school building if a suitable lo-
cation can be obtained.Chicora, Pa., "Herald": Richard Ven-
sel reports One Minute Cough Cure the
greatest success of medical science. He
told us that it cured his whole family of
terrible coughs and colds, after all
other so-called cures had failed entirely.
Mr. Vinson said it had cured his children
through a very bad siege of measles.One Minute Cough Cure makes excep-
tionally easy and rapid. A. J. Stoner &
Son Armstrong Bros. and N. L. Krone.An anti-smearing club has been formed
at Eureka, the fines collected from viola-
tions of the rules being used to buy cigars.Los Angeles—A dear little child who made
home happy by its smiles. And to
think, it might have been saved had the
parents only kept in the house. One
Minute Cough Cure, the infallible rem-
edy for croup. A. J. Stoner & Son
Armstrong Bros. and N. L. Krone.Judge W. S. Metz, of Wyoming, who
was "allowed to resign" formerly lived at
Odele, which place he left ten years ago.Constipation in its worst forms, dys-
pepsia, sick headache, biliousness and
derangement of the liver are readily
cured by DeWitt's Little Early Risers.
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pill, safe pill, best pill. A. J. Stoner &
Son Armstrong Bros. and N. L. Krone.Bob Farrell, the well known instructor
in pugilism, has been engaged by the
Springfield Athletic club as their in-
structor.A weed in the garden can be easily
destroyed when it first starts. Con-
sumption can be nipped in the bud by
One Minute Cough Cure. A. J. Stoner &
Son Armstrong Bros. and N. L. Krone.The town of Homer has organized a Li-
brary Association and will fit up a public
library in the Gilman block.All the different forms of skin
troubles, from chapped hands to eczema
and indolent ulcers can be readily
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the great pile cure. A. J. Stoner & Son
Armstrong Bros. and N. L. Krone.

HAT AND GOWN TRIMMINGS.

The new Peoria public library building
was thrown open to the public for the
first time Thursday. It is claimed that it
is one of the most complete library build-
ings in the west and is lavishly decorated
with moral paintings of scenery in the
vicinity.A. J. Clark of Tokio, has bought Mrs.
Sarah Noble's house in Champaign for
\$5000.

Diagnosis of Grippe.

True grippe is a germ disease. These
germs are in the circulation and per-
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MISUSED FIGURES OF SPEECH.

An old French lawyer, writing of an
estate he had just bought, added:
"There is a chapel upon it in which my
wife and I wish to be buried, if God
spares our lives."On a tombstone in Indiana is the fol-
lowing inscription: "This monument
was erected to the memory of John Jin-
king, accidentally shot as a mark of af-
fection by his brother."A Michigan editor received some
verses not long ago with the following
note of explanation: "These lines were
written 50 years ago by one who has,
for a long time slept in his grave merely
for pastime."A certain politician, lately condemning
the government for its policy con-
cerning the income tax, is reported to
have said: "They'll keep cutting the
wool off the sheep that lays the golden
eggs until they pump it dry."An orator at one of the university
unions bore off the palm when he de-
clared that "the British lion, whether it
is roaming the deserts of India or climbing
the forests of Canada, will not draw in
its horns nor retire into its shell."A reporter in describing the murder
of a man named Jorkin said: "The mur-
derer was evidently in quest of money,
but luckily Mr. Jorkin had deposited all
his funds in the bank the day before,
so that he lost nothing but his life."A merchant who had died suddenly
left in his bureau a letter to one of his
correspondents which he had not sealed.
His clerk, seeing it necessary to send
the letter, wrote at the bottom: "Since
writing the above I have died."An Oklahoma editor expresses his
thanks for a basket of oranges thus:
"We have received a basket of oranges from
our friend Gus Bradley, for which we
will please accept our compliments,
some of which are nearly six inches in
diameter."The Morning Post in 1812 made the
following statement: "We congrat-
ulate ourselves most on having torn off
Corbett's mask and revealed his cloven
foot. It was high time that the hydra
head of faction should be soundly
wrapped over the knuckles."—Rams Horn.

LABOR NOTES.

Shiploads of wheat are leaving Calif-
ornia for Sydney.Small merchants of Toronto have
combined to fight department stores.The label of the Boot and Shoe Work-
ers' union is now used by 19 factories.A young woman in St. Louis has
opened a cooperative dining-room for
members of her sex.Associated retail liquor dealers of
Duluth agreed to handle only union
label cigars.Miners in the Monogahela valley
threaten to strike unless their wages
are advanced.More than 600,000 cotton spindles
have been added to the cotton facilities
of Japan in less than a year.Textile workers throughout the south
are being unionized by American Fed-
eration of Labor organizers.Nailmaking machines now produce as
many nails in a given time as were for-
merly made by 1,000 men.Six thousand African Kaffirs working
in the Transvaal mines have struck
work against a reduction of wages.Of the 14,000 persons employed directly
in the sugar industry in Queensland,
8,000 are composed of Japs, Kanakas
and Chinese.A project of the managers of the St.
Louis house of refuge to start a weekly
paper and teach inmates the printing
trade is being bitterly opposed by or-
ganized labor.

PERSONALS.

Cowan Doyle has ideas of his own
about work. He frequently writes a
short story while his guests are taking
a stroll about the garden.Princess Henry of Battenburg still
deeply mourns the death of her hus-
band. It was with difficulty that she
could be induced to remain at Balmoral
during the visit of the czar.Mrs. Augusta Evans Wilson, the au-
thor of "Beulah," has been in feeble
health since the death of her husband,
five years ago. She has left her coun-
try home, near Mobile, Ala., and is now
living in that city.When Li Hung Chang met Joseph
Chamberlain, who affects a monocle, the
Chinaman noticed the single eye-
glass, took it for granted that the colonial
secretary had lost the use of one eye,
and offered him his sincere con-
dolences.Julia F. Williams has been the keeper
of the Santa Barbara (Cal.) lighthouse
for 31 years. During that period she
has climbed the tower and attended to
the lights herself every night, with the
exception of three weeks, 26 years ago.Queen Elizabeth of Roumania, "Car-
men Sylva," is said to be the only living
author who has written verse in four
languages—Roumanian, German, Swed-
ish and English. Her latest work is a
libretto in French on a Turkish plot for
an opera by Massenet.

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tucks above embroidery ruffle, with a
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tucks, wide continuous bands on the side,
trimmed with good embroidery. Two to
twelve years.Night Dress of good muslin, sleeves,
neck and down front trimmed with cam-
bric ruffle. Mother Hubbard yoke and
band sleeves.Chemise, open in front, trimmed with
embroidery and lace. Sizes 34 to 44.Infants' Cambric Slip or Night Dress,
trimmed neck and sleeves with embroidery.Misses' Cambric Corset Cover, circle
yoke trimmed with fine linen lace, pearl
button. Sizes 28, 30, 32, 34.Ladies' Drawers of good muslin, with
wide umbrella ruffle of cambric, with
three fine tucks above the hem.Ladies' Night Dress, circle yoke, Mother
Hubbard back, cambric ruffle and sleeves,
embroidery and feather stitch trimming
in yoke, band sleeves.Ladies' Night Dress, trim V back and
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Now is the time to buy a
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Warner's, Thompson's Glove-Fitting, R and G.
Flexo Girdle, P. D. Jackson Corset Waist.
A dress form Corset in black, white and summer for \$1.00
For a cheap Corset try my 50c.

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AROUND HOME.

Gilt picture frames may be freshened and brightened by washing them with a soft brush with the following mixture: Put enough flowers of sulphur into a pint of water to give it a yellow tinge, add two onions cut into pieces, and let them boil. Strain into a dish, and when the liquid becomes cold it is ready for use.

Handsome punch bowls are being utilized for flowers to ornament the center of large circular dinner tables. Frames are made of a net work of silver wire, fitting over the top of the bowl and holding the flowers in place. A single wire is fastened to opposite sides to form a handle. Broad ribbon of the color of the flowers is put under the bowl and brought up so as to cover the wire handle, and is finished at the top with a large bow.

Grilled almonds make a delicious bonbon, and may be readily made at home. Blanch a cupful of almonds and dry them thoroughly. Boil one cup of granulated sugar with a quarter of a cup of water until it "hairs," then throw in the blanched almonds. Let them cook in this syrup, stirring them occasionally, until they become a delicate golden brown before the sugar changes. As soon as the sugar commences to take on a color quickly take the pan from the fire and stir the almonds rapidly until the syrup has turned back to sugar and clings irregularly to the nuts.

It is said that by giving plaster figures a bath in a certain way they may be made to look like marble. The bath is made by putting two generous quarts of water into an agate kettle with one ounce of pure curl soap and one ounce of white beeswax cut into small pieces; let this dissolve over a slow fire, and when all the ingredients are thoroughly mixed, tie fine twine around the figure and dip it into the liquid; take the figure out and hold it in the air for five minutes, and then again dip it into the liquid; let the figure dry for a few days, and then rub it with soft flannel; a brilliant gloss will be produced.

ALL SORTS.

Hardy stuff that is wanted for forcing must first receive a good frost before being brought into the cool house.

United States Labor Commissioner Carroll D. Wright estimates that at the present time there are 2,000,000 unemployed males in this country above the age of ten years.

During the last 25 years the import of wheat into Great Britain has increased by 152 per cent, while the quantity of home-grown wheat has diminished by 45 per cent.

W. S. Smith, a well-known business man and hotel proprietor of Marysville, O., has died as the result of swallowing a slate feather August 30, 1893. He was taken with hemorrhages and lost over a gallon of blood.

The high, unsightly heels on ladies' shoes are being abandoned for the more sensible and more comfortable low heel. The demand for low-heeled footwear is increasing every day, according to the reports of shoe dealers.

French and Belgian capitalists are to construct large alkali works near the newly discovered rock salt deposits at Pola, in central Asia. There is good coal at Bardinkul, near by. The salt is of very fine quality, with no admixture of other chemicals.

An observing tourist who visits Iome and walks through the streets is doubtless surprised that there are very few houses bearing the ominous number of "13," nearly all the houses that should bear those figures being marked "12b" or "14a." Nor is the superstition regarding the fateful 13 absent from scientific Germany.

SHORT CLIPPINGS.

Tea was first mentioned in Chinese annals 2,700 B. C.

Most of the shoes worn in Japan are made of straw or wood. In the entire country there is but one factory where leather shoes are made.

Algebra, almanac, cipher, zenith, zero, talisman, alcohol, alkali, amber, camphor, cotton, crimson, jar, laudanum, lute, mattress, sugar, amulet, arsenal, magazine and a few other words are "rom the Arabic."

Women have a better perception of color than men. An eminent authority on color blindness asserts that under a very severe test the color vision of one man in five is defective, while in women the average is one in three.

At the seashore or in the country, where the air is clear, 1,500 microbes must be inhaled into the nose every hour, while in London the number often reaches 14,000. The organisms are caught by the nose and passed to the digestive organs, which, when in health, destroy them.

It is a common experience among mountain climbers to find butterflies lying frozen on the snow, and so brittle that they break unless they are very carefully handled. Such frozen butterflies on being taken to a warmer climate recover themselves and fly away. Six species of butterflies have been found within a few hundred miles of the north pole.

HORSE TALK.

You can spoil your horse's temper by losing your own.

Never be content with attempting to produce moderate or inferior animals.

If a man of wealth wants a horse he will pay a long price to secure what suits him.

If a horse is out of condition there is a cause; find it. Has he been fed irregularly or improperly, or are his teeth sharp or uneven?

It will pay some one to make a specialty of raising and educating family horses—that are brainy, level-headed and handsome.

A veterinary surgeon of wide experience told me a few days ago that as good a price could be realized to-day for a nicely first-class horse as ever—



TO THE SOUTH.

BOLEN & LANNING, Real Estate Dealers, have another of their EXCURSIONS TO TEXAS TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16TH.

They are sending so much of their choice cheap lands near Houston and Galveston. These lands are said to be good for prairie, most of them will be sold at \$1.50 and \$1.75, on sale at 98c per acre.

Write us for details. We can sell you cheaper and better lands, better terms than any one and can take exchange in some of them. Write us for circulars. We also do a general exchange of business; have the best terms for all kinds of goods, exchange for lands. In fact can tell you with almost any kind of a trade. Especially notice their circular on the country across the bayou from Galveston. Write or call and see us in Millikin bank building, Decatur, Ills.

BOLEN & LANNING.

—Senator Kanawh returned to Springfield today.

—A. O. Boen will go south next week on a business trip.

—The child of Thomas Kitchen, living in the northeast part of the city, is ill.

—Samuel Hopkins is ill at his home on St. Louis avenue.

—Mrs. Frank Taylor, who has been visiting friends at Macon, arrived home this morning.

—S. W. Hoskins is at Champaign visiting his son, A. H. Hoskins, who is connected with the Karrher grocery store in that city.

—Mrs. Arthur Hartley is ill at her home, No. 135 East Decatur street. Mrs. Nathan Gruber is ill at her home on South Seigle street.

—Harry Flisk, Jr., and J. B. Nowlin will leave for New Orleans on Feb. 28 to take in the Mardi Gras festivities and have a look at the south.

—Colonel Mathias left this morning for Webster City, Iowa. He was accompanied by Attorney C. C. Leforge who will conduct a law suit for the colonel.

—Born.—To Dr. and Mrs. A. O. Girard at 207 West William street, Feb. 14, at 8:10 a. m., a daughter. The mother was formerly Miss Joda Carder.

—Miss Mary Virginia Blanton and Charles R. Culver will be married at Lincoln, Neb., March 1, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Richcock, former residents of Decatur.

—Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Griswold and Miss Carolyn Griswold, who accompanied the remains of the late Miss M. Carrie Closs to Albion, N. Y., and attended funeral and interment there, returned home Saturday night.

—M'KINLEY AILING.

Failed to Rise for Breakfast This Morning on Account of a Severe Cold.

Canton, Ohio, Feb. 15.—Before breakfast fifty callers, mostly office seekers were at McKinley's home. For the first time since the election McKinley failed to rise for breakfast, remaining in bed until his family physician, Dr. Phillips, arrived about 10 o'clock. His chief trouble is a bad cold. The worst to be apprehended is the possibility of an attack of grippe with which he was confined to his bed for eight days two years ago.

Northern Pacific Properties Transferred.

Washington, Feb. 16.—The Northern Pacific railroad company's properties and the transfer to the Northern Pacific railroad purchaser has been finally completed.

Judge Jenkins entered an order in the federal court confirming the action of the master in chancery in executing deeds transferring the property and sanctioning the distribution of the proceeds as made by the master. Various side issues, however, will not be settled for years.

Volunteer Meeting.

The members of the American Volunteers will hold a special meeting tomorrow evening at their hall. Captain Samuel Davis of Chicago, will be present and make an address. There will be good singing. Admission free.

REDUCED PRICES FOR 30 DAYS.

Ladies' and Children's Dresses, Cloaks, Wrappers and Capes dyed and dry cleaned. No ripping apart. Lace and chenille and portiers dry cleaned at reduced prices for February, by the leading practical dyers and dry cleaners of Decatur. H. H. Miller & Bro., 145 North Main street.

The Turner hall will be open on Monday and Tuesday evening until 10 o'clock for the accommodation of those who wish to rent costumes.—15-23.

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Pekin Times 11th: When M. H. Gollon got up this morning he found his yard filled with robins, that had come north under the delusion that this was spring. The flock was a large one making an unusual sight for this time of the year.

WORKING FOR TRADE...

Yes, that is what we are doing—Giving Exceptional Values in all kinds of Dry Goods Shoes and Cloaks!

PRICES TO REDUCE STOCK

Will be the Draw Card This Week.

Kid Gloves at 98c.

MEN'S FLANNEL OUTSIDE SHIRTS worth \$1.00 and \$1.50, now at 50c. LADIES' FINE SHOES, the \$2.00 kind at \$1.50 pair.

One lot \$1.50 and \$1.75 Ladies' Shoes out at 98c pair.

BOYS' PERCALE WAISTS, the 50c kind at 25c.

CHILDREN'S TAM O'SHANTER CAPS at 19c. WINDOW SHADES, 40c kind 25c; 25c kind at 15c.

DRESSER SCARFS, 50c and 65c kind at 35c each.

JACKETS AND CAPES go at about Half Price this week.

AT JOHNSTON'S...

151 N. Water Street.

RACE CLOTHING MFG. Co.

Grand Opening

Spring Styles

Stetson and Miller Hats

Monday, Feb. 15th, 1897.

CORRECT SHAPES

If you wear a
MILLER OR STETSON
YOU ARE RIGHT.

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BLACK, BROWN,
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Few more of the—

...DRESS SHIRTS...

35c, or three for \$1.00 left.

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BULL'S COUGH SYRUP

The People's Friend. In use for fifty years. Cures Cough, Cold, Croup, Whooping-Cough, Grippe, Bronchitis, Asthma and Lung Affections. DR. BULL'S COUGH SYRUP is sold everywhere for only 25 cents. Refuse cheap substitutes.

See LANGE'S PLUMS, The Great Tobacco Antidote, 10c. Dealers of mail, A. C. Meyer & Co., Balle, Mc.

SANTA CLAUS SOAP

The hardest work that women do is work that requires the use of soap. No woman should be satisfied with anything but the very best soap—the soap that does the most work and the best work and that does it quick-est and easiest. SANTA CLAUS SOAP. Clothes, saves money and the strength of the women who use it. Santa Claus Soap makes the women happier and the home brighter. It affords double the satisfaction that common soaps give, yet costs no more.

Sold everywhere. Made only by THE N. K. FAIRBANK COMPANY, Chicago.

...LEONARD STORE NOW OPEN...

All Goods at Fire Sale Prices.

COME AND GET WHAT YOU WANT. The fire loss of December 28 has been adjusted and all new and slightly damaged goods—as good as new—will go at astonishingly low figures. Come early. Dry Goods, Groceries—everything, are in THE GREAT BARGAIN SALE.

LEONARD'S Department Store, North Water Street
NEW TELEPHONE, 248.

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POWERS' GRAND OPERA HOUSE.

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50 PEOPLE. An Entire Train of Special Girls.

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HEAR The Pickaninny Band, SEE The Creole Girls Band, The Imperial White Band

10 Cuban and Russian Bloodhounds

20 PONIES, DONKEYS, OXEN, MULES, 20 HORSES, BURROS

SEE THE GIANT COLORED BOY, 45 Feet Tall, 17 Years of Age.

—Monster Parade at Noon—

PRICES: 25c, 35c, and 50c.

TOUR OF ALL MEXICO...

via the Central Route, under the auspices of the American Tourist Association, will leave Chicago JANUARY 10th, 1897. FERRYAGE, cyph. 1897. Tickets include all expenses, Railway, Shipping and Dining-Car Fares, Hotels, Carriages, etc.

Mardi Gras at New Orleans
March 1st and 2d, 1897.

Announcement of reduced rates for this season will be made in due season, particulars of which can be learned of your home agent.

Homeseekers SOUTH Excursions

From January to May, 1897, inclusive, at One Fare for the Round Trip, plus \$2.00. To certain points South from stations west of Iowa Falls, Ia., inclusive, on the 1st and 3d Monday of each month, except the 1st and 3d Monday of April, May, and October, and the 1st and 3d Monday of October, Homeseekers' tickets will also be sold from stations north of Cairo and east of Cedar Falls to points north on Illinois Central west of Iowa Falls, and from stations on the Central Route north of Cairo to certain points

WEST AND SOUTHWEST on the 1st and 3d Tuesday of each month.

Tickets and full information concerning all of the above can be had of agent of the Central Route and connecting lines.

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New Quarters with a New Barber Shop and Express Line Combination.

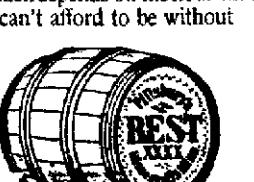
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Makes more bread, makes whiter bread, makes better bread.

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THE FARM AND FARMER.

An icehouse is a necessary adjunct to every creamery. It should be built separate from the creamery. A house 20 feet long, 16 feet wide and 19 feet high will hold about 100 tons of ice. If an abundance of very cold water is at hand less ice will be needed. It is always best, however, to have plenty of ice, and for the ordinary creamery 100 tons is a safe quantity.

It costs only about ten percent more to keep a fresh winter cow than a dry one, that is if the dry cow is kept as well as she ought to be in order to do well the following summer. Add to this that the winter milk is worth on the average 30 per cent. more than the summer milk, and we see the superior economy of making the cow do her best work at that portion of the year when it costs the most to keep her.

The old wells on many farms may be regarded in the nature of an incubus. If every man that sells a farm would reserve the well and remove it with the personal property it would often be fortunate for his successor. It has always remained where it was first located. Successive owners have rearranged the buildings but never disturbed the well. What was once a good location may now be a very poor one.

Maryland has a law requiring the horticulturist of the state department station to inspect all nurseries in the state once a year and oftener if necessary. The object is to prevent the dissemination of insect pests and disease upon nursery stock. The law prohibits the sale of plants without a certificate from the inspector, under a penalty of \$100 for each tree, vine or plant so disposed of. Infected stock must be destroyed. The law works well and it is believed that other states will enact similar legislation.

EVERYDAY THINGS.

Paper collars are now almost gone out of use, owing to the cheapness of the linen article and the convenience and excellence of the work done by the laundry. They were made of a basis of linen with a film of paper celluloid spread over its surface.

Pocketknives are now machine made, the blades being stamped from strips of steel and afterwards ground and polished before being fixed in the handle. The "assembling" of the different parts of the knife is a matter of hand labor.

Wire fencing is manufactured by a piece of mechanism which was considered, at its invention, to be almost a miracle of mechanical work. It is so intricate as to defy description, and even after a careful examination it is difficult to the uninitiated to understand its operation.

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Billiard balls are first roughly turned by a lathe from the tusk, then left from six months to a year in a room about the temperature of an ordinary billiard hall. This length of time is necessary because the ivory shrinks more in one direction than another, and the seasoning must be complete before the balls are finished and polished.

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ILLINOIS FARMERS' INSTITUTE MEETING.

The Wabash railroad will sell excursion tickets to Springfield, Ill., at the rate of one and one-third fare for the round trip, from all stations in Illinois from which regular one way tickets are sold, Feb. 23 to 26 inclusive, good returning not later than Feb. 27.

The late general assembly appreciating the great benefits resulting from the holding of Farmers' Institutes, passed a law creating the Illinois Farmers' Institute for the purpose of developing a greater interest through said organization in the better cultivation of crops, in the care and breeding of the most profitable type of domestic animals, in extending dairy, husbandry, promoting horticulture, directing attention to the importance of farm drainage, stimulating the spirit of improvement in the construction of public roads and discussing the best methods of general farm management.

Up to date farmers and live stock breeders will be greatly benefited by attending the state farmers' institute meeting to be held at Springfield Feb. 22, 23, 24, 25 and 26, 1897.—10-d&w

TWO LIVES SAVED.

Mrs. Phoebe Thomas, of Junction City Ill., was told by her doctors she had consumption and that there was no hope for her, but two bottles of Dr. King's New Discovery completely cured her and she says it saved her life. Mr. Thos. Eggers, 139 Florida street, San Francisco, suffered from a dreadful cold, approaching consumption, tried without result every thing else then bought one bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery and in two weeks was cured. He is naturally thankful. It is such results, of which these are samples, that prove the wonderful efficacy of this medicine in Coughs and Colds. At West's Drug Store.

The new Peoria public library building was thrown open to the public for the first time Thursday. It is claimed that it is one of the most complete library buildings in the west and is lavishly decorated with mural paintings of scenery in the vicinity.

A torpid liver means a bad complexion, bad breath, indigestion and frequent headaches. To avoid such complaints take DeWitt's Little Early Ringers, the famous little pills. A. J. Stoner & Son, Armstrong Bros. and N. L. Krone.

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To Sell Goods at a Loss.

That is what we are doing, but sell we must and sell we will. We want money bad enough to sell goods at a loss. We mean to make a clean sweep of it. Talk is cheap but come and get our prices, and then you can tell what is what. Never did the people of Decatur get a chance to buy good goods at such prices before, so

Vienna China Dinner Set...

116 PIECES.

Close Retail Price, \$25.

Placed on sale Monday, February 8, and will be Reduced One Dollar Each Day until sold.

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We are quoting unheard-of prices and are showing some beautiful goods.
Please notice Prices in our Front Show Window.

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Our House has been Established Over 20 Years at
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FIT YOUR FEET

With a pair of our

New Spring Style Shoes

We have such a large and varied stock of up-to-date Shoes to select from that we can give you size without any trouble in any style which you may select.

We will continue the sale on Broken Lots which we have been advertising until every pair is sold. Remember these goods are all new, fresh goods, and include such goods as HANAN & SONS.

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B. F. BOBO, Manager.

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LOCAL NEWS.

Denz, Tailor, 117 North Water St.

Baby cough syrup at Irwin's.

Drink Cool's 25c combination coffee.

You pay a little more for Sleeth's portraiture but—

Smoke the Little J., 5-cent cigar, made by Jacob Kook.

Go to Henry's bakery for all kinds of bread, cakes, pies, etc. June 23-dsf.

Irwin's vegetable pills cure biliousness.

Remember the grand masque ball at the Turner hall, Feb. 17.—9-dsf.

Smoke the famous Leda, a fine 10-cent cigar, made by John Welgand. Mch 25 sf.

Irwin's Iron-Tonic bitters cures indigestion and nervous exhaustion.

Business in the circuit court was resumed this afternoon at 1:30 o'clock.

Don't fail to attend the Baptist Sunday school concert, Feb. 16. It will be a treat; 10c and 15c.—13-634

C. H. Deetz is in line for alderman in the Sixth ward. His friends are urging his claims.

Russian corn cure gives the best satisfaction; for sale by I. N. Irwin & Co.

Take the Vandalia-Pennsylvania for Washington, D. C.; reduced rates for the inauguration.

Sleeth is the only photographer in the city who guarantees satisfaction.

Smoke the Little J., a fine hand made, Sumatra wrapper—5 cent cigar.

Do you want any Cracker Meal? Call up Telephone 344.

11-dsf Pearl Oyster & Fish Co.

Go to W. C. Pluck, No. 100 East North street, for your spring wall paper. All new goods.—15-dsf

The valentines made the mails rather heavy for a day or two. This morning the postmen had about all they could carry.

Justice Hardy had his office crowded for several hours this forenoon, all on account of the Deardorff chicken-stealing case.

J. C. McBride defeated J. B. Ricks for judge at the Democratic primaries held in Christian county on Saturday by 100 votes. Nearly everybody expected that Ricks would win.

The "Shore Acres" play at the Grand Saturday night had a large audience. The performance was first class. The company left for Springfield this forenoon.

Do not fail to call upon J. P. Winebrenner at Ottensheimer & Co.'s clothing house as it will be a personal favor for his sals altogether on commission to his friends.

Take Notice.

New seed store, complete stock, fresh garden, field and flower seeds. Eason & Morris, 138 East Wood street.—8-dsf

To Stop a Cold in 30 Minutes.

Take Contra-Cold Tablets, guaranteed or money refunded by all druggists, 30c.

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THE DECATUR CHURCHES.

News from the Various Temples of Worship—Church Note.

Next Sunday a service will be held at the College street chapel in memory of the late R. G. Walls, the superintendent of the Sunday school.

Rev. Gay of Missouri, preached Sunday morning at St. John's Episcopal church. In the afternoon he gave a lecture on Armenia at the Congregational church.

A reception will be given this evening at the Congregational church in honor of the new members who have been admitted.

Honor services were held Sunday afternoon at the Westminster chapel. Twenty-four members were given diplomas for being present every day, for studying the lessons, and for the amount of the contributions. A. H. Mills presented the diplomas, special music was rendered and Rev. W. H. Penhallegon gave an address on "Faithfulness."

Rev. D. R. MacGregor at the First Baptist at church gave an address on St. Valentine's Sunday evening. He gave a history of St. Valentine and told how the custom has been kept up.

This week a Sunday school orchestra will be organized at the First Presbyterian church. Prof. Westhoff will be the leader. A chorus will also be formed and will sing at the Sunday school meetings.

There were 512 in attendance at Grace Methodist Episcopal Sunday school yesterday, the efficient superintendent, the new piano, the mandolin club and the forty-eight teachers were the attractions. Fifteen persons united with the church bringing the membership up to 606. The Home Missionary society meets Tuesday at the parsonage at 9:30 p. m. Special programs with Mrs. A. W. Conklin presiding and Miss Gillmore at the piano. Baptist Sunday School Notes.

Yesterday the attendance at Sunday school was quite large, difficulty being experienced in seating all who come. Within a few days the seating capacity of the Sunday school room will be greatly increased from the fact that Ladies' Aid society of the church has purchased chairs to take the place of the boughs which have heretofore been used in the Sunday school apartments. Increasing interest and attendance have been the prime factors in this commendable step on the part of the aid society. Yesterday all of the thirty-four teachers were present and all of the officers with the exception of one. One hundred and forty-one had their bibles with them, which shows an increase over any previous Sunday since an account of the bibles has been kept.

The orchestra is doing an excellent work and is an element in Sunday school advancement not to be overlooked. Music hath charms, not only outside of the Sunday school, but it is as well. On Tuesday night the orchestra will give its second entertainment, for the benefit of the music lovers of the city, in the auditorium of the church. The program has been arranged and promises to be excellent throughout. The indications point toward a large attendance and tickets should be procured in time. The admission price will be 10 cents to children under 15 years of age and 15 cents to adults. Refreshments will be served in the parlors of the church after the rendition of the program.

Death of Henry Blenz.

Saturday night, Feb. 13, at 11 o'clock, Henry Blenz, aged 74 years, died at the home of his son-in-law, James Casey, on West Cerro Gordo street. Mr. Blenz was an old resident of Decatur, having come to the city twenty-five years ago. He was born in Germany. He was known to nearly all the residents of the city, who held him in highest esteem. He is survived by a wife and seven children, Mrs. Charles Stroh of Taylorville and Heery, Paul, Frank and Miss Irene Blenz, Mrs. Emma Casey and Mrs. Lizzie Burns of Decatur. He also leaves three brothers, John and Conrad of Decatur and Adam Blenz of Spokane, Wash.

The Uncle Tom Parade.

The Salter & Martin company to produce "Uncle Tom's Cabin" at the Grand tonight, gave an imposing street parade at noon today, showing Creoles in bloomers, Cuban and Russian bloodhounds, the old cabin on wheels and two bands of music. The effect was stunning. The drama major was nearly out of sight—the tallest negro ever seen in these parts. Some people really thought he was on stilts but he was not. Brockman is his name. He is only 18 years old, wears a No. 16 shoe and is 7 feet 8 inches tall.

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THE CHICKEN CASE.

Charles S. Deardorff Waived Examination in Hardy's Court.

THE BAIL FIXED AT \$500.00.

Lots of People Present Who Had Lost Chickens—All Ready to Testify

—Prosecution Anxious

to Go to Trial.

The chief case of interest in the lower courts today was that of Charles S. Deardorff, charged by eight different parties with having stolen chickens from their coops in the west end of Decatur on the night of Feb. 11. Deardorff was arrested on Friday and since then the warrants were sworn out by these complainants: Mrs. Clarissa Winston, an aged colored lady, who avers that Deardorff sold five chickens belonging to her; Margaret A. Montgomery, four chickens; Samuel Woolen, nineteen chickens; Samuel S. Hopkins, twenty-four chickens; Mrs. Lizzie Stine, eight chickens; William J. Cameron, eleven chickens; William W. Richards, seven chickens; Charles Wandel, seven chickens. Total number alleged to have been stolen, 85. On the morning after the chickens were stolen two men, one named Ed Smith, appeared at the Jordan poultry house, with sixty-one chickens, which they offered for sale. They came up in a wagon which it is claimed was rented to them by Deardorff. At about that time some of the parties who had lost chickens began making inquiries and the police who had been notified sent word to all the poultry buyers to look out for stolen chickens and not pay out any cash. The refusal of Jordan to pay for the 61 chickens left with him was enough for Ed Smith and his unknown pal, and they disappeared. But Deardorff came around looking for the two fellows. He was after pay for the use of his wagon. He said he had hired the rig to the two men as he had done once before when they used it to go a dance out in the vicinity of Waukeeshaw. The police arrested Deardorff and he has since been in custody. He enters a stout denial to all criminal knowledge of the chicken stealing affair, alleging repeatedly that he had hired the rig to the two men. He had known Ed Smith for about two weeks. At first he wasn't sure that he knew the other man, but it is understood that he will give up the name of the unknown when the case finally comes to trial.

Deardorff was brought before Justice Hardy this forenoon to undergo the preliminary examination. He had for his lawyer Attorney J. M. Gray. For the people, A. H. Mills was present. All of the parties who had lost chickens and some of their neighbors and friends were in attendance. After a long wait the court announced that the hearing had been continued until 1 o'clock this afternoon, and at that hour the defendant came into court and waived examination. The ball was fixed at \$500 and now nothing more will be heard of the chicken business as to Deardorff until the June term of court when the grand jury will meet and hear evidence on which to find indictments.

The parties who lost chickens identified their property and took them away. Mrs. Winston failed to find two chicks belonging to her. She went to Deardorff's home on East Orchard street, where she saw 18 Plymouth Rock chicks in the yard. She took two of them, saying they were her birds. Deardorff today on hearing what the old colored lady had done said he would have her arrested at once, as those thirteen chickens he had had for a long time. He didn't intend to allow anybody else his chickens. His attorney advised him to keep still until after the present difficulty is settled.

The prosecution claims to have a strong case against Deardorff, while the defendant claims that he was not in the gang and knew nothing of the theft until he had gone to the poultry house to look after the pay for the use of the wagon.

Marshal Ney at the Woman's club this evening at 8 o'clock by the Rev. J. L. Gay, one of Ney's few surviving pupils of seventy years ago. Do not fail to hear this lecture as it will touch upon and explain many things that have hitherto been regarded a puzzle in the career of Napoleon and Ney.

The Municipal Electric Light company management have leased a suite of three rooms on the third floor of Powers' new building and will take possession on Wednesday of this week. The office rooms are in the northeast corner of the building. They will be fitted up in fine shape.

Frank Waller won the bicycle race at Pittsburgh, defeating Louis Gumm two miles in the six days' run. The score at the finish Saturday night was Waller, 1216 miles; Gumm, 1214; Schoch, 1190; Hull, 1181; Forster, 1171; Ruabel, 1163.

The Turner hall will be open on Monday and Tuesday evening until 10 o'clock for the accommodation of those who wish to rent costumes.—15-dsf

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